chemically contaminated water. The cost of operating such a plant is Rs. 20 per 1000 litres of purified water.

Ban on recruitment in army

3523. SHRI SYED SIBTEY RAZI: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether some ban on the recruitment in army and other para military forces has been imposed in some States of country;

(b) if so, the details thereof with background;

(c) whether Government propose to lift this ban in national interest; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR): (a) to (d) With a view to re-structuring manpower in the Army and for more effective utilisation of budgetary allocations, the Army HQrs had temporarily suspended the recruitment of Junior Commissioned Officers (JCOs) and Other Ranks (ORs) of all categories, in all States, during the period 14-5-92 to 31-7-92. There has been no ban on the recruitment into Central Para Military Forces.

Recruitment in COD, Delhi

3524. SHRI ISH DUTT YADAV: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 1786 given in the Rajya Sabha on 27th July, 1992 and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that candidates in the unreserved categories who are selected in Group 'D' posts in the year 1992 in C.O.D. Delhi Cantt are allowed to join their duties;

(b) if so, on what grounds the candidates belonging to SC and ST categories who were selected in Group D posts in the year 1990, 1991 and 1992 are long awaited in queue to join their duties; and

(c) Action contemplated in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR): (a) 6 candidates of General category have been appointed against wastage vacancies existing prior to 1-1-88 not covered by the ban orders.

(b) and (c) The selected candidates, including candidates belonging to SC/ST categories, would be allowed to join after clearance of Ministry of Finance has been obtained.

सैनिक के लिए पुस्तकों और पत्रिकाओं का चयन

3525. **श्री शंकर दयाल सिंह** : क्या रक्षा मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या उनके मंत्रालय में सैनिकों के मनोरंजन और ज्ञानवर्धन के लिए अलग से कोई अनुभाग है जो पुस्तकों और पत्रिकाओं की खरीद करता है ;

(ख) यदि हां तो पुस्तकों और पत्रिकाओं के चयन का आधार क्या है ;

(ग) पिछले दो वर्षों के दौरान सैनिकों के लिए किस-किस तरह की पुस्तकें और पत्रिकायें खरीदी गई है और उन पर कितना खर्च किया गया है ।

रक्षा मंत्री (श्री शरद पवार) : (क) रक्षा कार्मिकों के लिए पुस्तकों का चयन करने के संबंध में रक्षा मंत्रालय ने एक पुस्तक चयन उप समिति बनाई है । तथापि, पुस्तकों की वास्तविक खरीद उप समिति द्वारा चुनी गई पुस्तकों में से, संबंधित मुख्यालयों द्वारा की जाती है ।

(ख) पुस्तक चयन उप-समिति को अनुमोदन के लिए पुस्तकें भेजते समय निम्नलिखित मानदंडों का अनुपालन किया जाता है :—

(i) पुस्तक मनोरंजक होनी चाहिए ;